

NewsNotes



We Can Share Our Faith by Sharing Our Story!

Women and Spiritual Advisors of our Council, you have a great group of ladies as your officers! We met Saturday, June 18 in Lincoln. We came with our ideas we wanted to discuss. I wish you could have seen how gracefully we moved through each item! There was a solid sense of professionalism, spiritual grounding, and charity among us. It is an experience I will remember with fondness. We have some new ideas we will be sharing with you. A sentiment that I heard expressed often was how good it is to be with likeminded Catholic women.

One of the new items we will initiate, is a faith sharing time on the second Sunday of the month, via Zoom, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I know all of us won't be able to call in each time and that is ok. Join in when you can. Our plan is to begin with a prayer followed by one of our ladies, pre-arranged, telling her story of the wonder of God's presence in her life. We quickly agreed on the time and concept and then each officer took a month in which she will share what she wants you to know about her journey with God. Almost as soon as I had introduced the idea we had a plan in place, the Holy Spirit was in charge of organization! We hope you will join us for whatever amount of time you have. The officers volunteered to cover the coming months thru March 2023, please be praying about your personal story you feel called to share beginning in April of 2023. I recently discovered a YouTube faith story that popped on after I had listened to Lisa Cotter speak about her understanding of Feminine Genuis, in which she reflected on Pope John Paul II's writings. YouTube's choice for me was incredible! It was produced by Word on Fire and is in their series "The Making of a Catholic Priest". The storyteller was Fr. Stephen Gadberry of Arkansas. His story was powerful, he vulnerably shared his story from youth and how he was led to become a priest, and then experiences of witness he has encountered. If you have a chance to watch it I certainly recommend you do at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HumCsGbVAp4>.

He concludes the hour video telling why personal witness is so very important. He said he believes a story can change people's lives, that it also helps him personally grow closer to the Lord when he tells his own story. He shared the following thoughts about the power of our personal story. The story of God's love is integral to our humanity. Our personal story is the second most important story in our lives, after the story of Salvation. I like how he said together our stories make a great library of love. Suggestions he gave for us to form our own story was to wrestle with how we tell our own story, what do we want to shout out, what are the low points, what are the dots in the middle, how do they show God's beauty? He dreams of everyone in his Parish being excited to tell their story, to see their story as a life worth living, as an adventure, to tell the Gospel story with their own story. Join us as we build our Council's library of love!

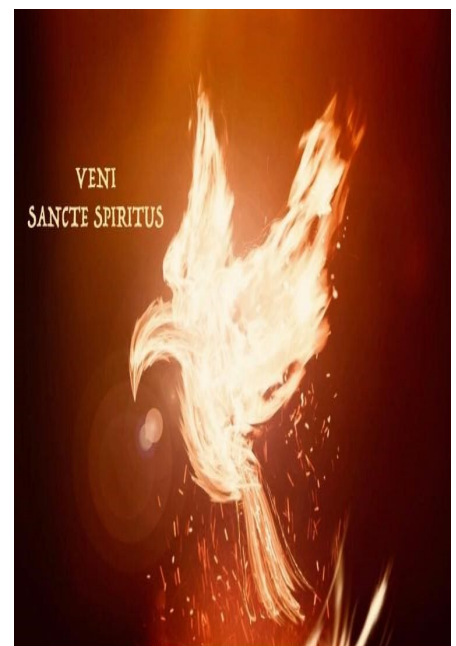
Trudy Burenheide, President

"Together, sharing our faith as Catholic women so the power of the Gospel shines forth in our families"



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God is Truly With Us!

(The following is excerpted from Bishop James Conley's column in the July 24, 2022 Southern Nebraska Register)

Bishops and all the faithful are tasked to present the Eucharist as this healing presence that is right here in our midst. We are not simply to bemoan the lack of faith in our culture, but to do something about it. Jesus is the answer to every longing in the human heart. When we come to know and live that truth, it changes everything.

The Bishops of the United States are attentive to the need to lead people back to Eucharistic amazement and love. We desire to bring about a greater understanding of the beauty, mystery, and wonder of the Holy Eucharist.

To this end, the Bishops of the United States have chosen to launch a Eucharistic Revival over the next three years, beginning on June 19, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The Eucharistic Revival is an initiative that aims to inspire, educate, and unite. From now through June of 2023, each diocese will offer events to promote and inspire understanding of the Eucharist.

The training of “eucharistic missionaries” will come through online and in-person resources that teach about Christ and the Real Presence. The revival will include a national Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. From that historic event—the last national Eucharistic Congress was in 1976 in the city of Philadelphia—the Church will send us all out as missionary disciples in the final year of the Eucharistic Revival 2024-2025, to be Eucharistic evangelizers in our world today.

In the Holy Eucharist, we have a true blessing. It's where we worship our Risen Lord in his humble disguise of bread and wine. I look forward to the many graces that will come to Catholic and non-Catholic alike over the next three years as our Lord Jesus sets fire in our hearts.

HOW CAN WE BECOME INVOLVED IN THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?



- Go to the official website, <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>, and sign up for more information about national events, prayers, etc. that you can bring to your parish.
- Watch the Register for diocesan events
- Participate in one of three diocesan sponsored mission trips to Mexico in October. For more information or to register, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lincoln-diocesan-eucharistic-pilgrimage-to-mexico-city>
- Take an hour for adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament in your home parish
- Organize a 40 Hours devotion at your parish



A note from Ellen -

Over the last twelve years I have come to know and love the wonderful ladies of the LDCCW, and our Moderators, Fr. Lux and Fr. McGuire. We have been through ups and downs, one rewriting of the Diocesan manual, two rewrites of the bylaws, leadership training, a new charity called Funds For Nuns, the rewrite and publishing of "The Parent Educator" Baptism book, liason with Pi Alpha Chi Sorority, the annual Winter Symposium, new e-secretaries, furnishing Gianna Home apartments, attending Catholics at The Capitol, the 100,000 goal Diaper Drive, National CCW Conventions, three annual scholarships, Province meetings, new Zoom meetings during Covid-19, televised Masses, Spirit Catholic Radio live broadcasts, and a renewed Divine Mercy Devotion!

As Ellen steps down from the Spirituality Commission, we want to thank her for all her time and efforts over the last twelve years. She was an inspiration and always kept us in the know of what was going on around us. Thank you Ellen!

Here we are in July, busy with ball games, preparing for the county fair and all the summer projects that await us. Before we know it school will be starting and fall will be upon us. Coming up on the fourth Sunday in July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of Jesus, Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This year it will be Sunday, July 24 th. Take some time to remember those special people in your Life with a phone call, card or a visit. Make sure no one feels alone on this day. For more info and ideas you can visit the USCCB website at Grandparents & Elderly | USCCB & In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit (Ps. 92:15).

...prayer joined to the act of mercy....will defend the souls of children against the spirit of evil. (Diary, 1156)

Reflection: Our faith needs to be presented to each new generation, and we must never take for granted that our children will automatically continue with attending Mass, frequenting the sacraments, just because we are their parents (grandparents) and expect them to do so. Parents have a special obligation to talk to their children about God and to show them the ways of love and mercy in not only our words, but more importantly in our actions and behavior, especially in acts of mercy. To form kind and merciful hearts in their children, parents need to plant the seed of God and prayer in those young hearts, or else children depart into godlessness. Children are like sponges – they absorb all that they see and hear. So, make sure it is the message of the Gospel."

Prayer: Lord, may my acts of mercy, small though they may be, help defend the children I know against the spirit of evil of this age. Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

The above was a daily reflection from - 365 Reflections Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You by Susan Tassone. Let this be a reminder to pray and live the spirituality of St Faustina and Divine Mercy.

May God bless us all!



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Community Service Projects:

The service commission encourages women to volunteer in service to their local communities by alerting them to areas of need, such as nursing homes, home bound, bloodmobiles and Meals on Wheels.

Catholic Relief Services: Works of Peace Programs

For more than 60 years the National Council of Catholic Women has worked in partnership with Catholic Relief Services on community based programs and solutions called “Works of Peace” that address the specific needs of poor women and children around the world. These programs are the Madonna Plan, Help a Child, Water for Life and the Refugee Women Emergency Fund.

Madonna Plan— projects meet the health, nutritional and educational needs of women as well as funding development projects which help women improve their economic security and therefore the life of their family.



Help a Child—was established to respond to the emergency or long term needs of children throughout the world. Funds are used to provide food, schools, health care systems and youth centers.

Water for Life—programs provide communities with resources to build a water system allowing them access to a convenient source of clean water. Jobs are created and skills in water sanitation are developed. The community is taught basic hygiene methods.

The Refugee Women Emergency Fund—supports women and children who are refugees, internally displaced or victims of natural disasters and provides food, water, medicine, shelter and opportunities to secure future jobs and income for them.

Donations can be sent to: NCCW , 10335-A Democracy Lane, Unit 201, Fairfax, VA 22030.
Website-www.crs.org

Leadership Commission

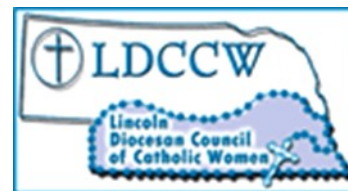
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Hello, ladies! This is Michele Chambers, newly appointed to the Leadership Commission, writing for the News Notes for the first time! I have been saying for many years that I would help Judy with the newsletters and such, but didn't really think that she'd actually brought me on board to show me the ropes! I am grateful to be the beneficiary of her generosity and patience! I do have some experience working with publications, so I hope that I am able to meet the high standard that has been set by Judy, and that you'll be patient with me while I learn the ropes. I look forward to serving in this position, and if you have suggestions or ideas for the work of this Commission, please let me know.!

PCCW Aprons on Sale!

At St Michael's Catholic Church in Lincoln, we call our organization the PCCW. It seems difficult to get Ladies to make the \$25 suggested donation. Since we have been wearing our blue scarves (from NCCW) while we do our monthly help at one Mass and now the blue PCCW aprons, more and more ladies are understanding who we are and what we do. It has made a difference for us!! Hopefully this August we will have 200/300 Ladies that will make the donation. We have a church membership of 1000 — do you would think it would be easy!!! Our meeting attendance is usually 15–20 Ladies, and it continues to grow. Maybe these aprons would help your PCCW make a statement in your parish!



The neck is adjustable, with 2 deep pockets on front and long ties. If you have questions, email me at shirleyhuss@gmail.com

Good Luck with your group.

Shirley Huss

Nebraska-Related Issues:

To follow is a quick run-down of election results from the Nebraska May Primaries for the State Board of Education. Some of these candidates may not be in your district but please forward this information to friends and family so they are aware when it comes time to vote again!

- District 5 - Kirk Penner will run against Helen Raikes in the November election. Kirk would be the better candidate to support.
- District 6 - Sherry Jones will run against Danielle Helzer. Sherry would be the better candidate to support.
- District 7 - Elizabeth Tegtmeier handily beat incumbent Robin Stevens. They will have to run again on the November ballot. It would be great to get Elizabeth a seat on this board and replace Robin who has held the seat for quite some time and definitely sides with the more liberal stances.
- District 8 - This is another important race/district. Marni Hodgen is challenging incumbent Deborah Neary. Ms. Neary was heavily involved in the ideology presented in the Health Education standards and it would be great to get her off the board and replaced with Marni.

The special election from this week between Mike Flood and Patty Pansing Brooks went to Mike Flood. He will be the one to fill the seat left vacant by Jeff Fortenberr.

National Issues:

The U.S. Supreme Court has finally overturned Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood! This brings these decisions back to each individual state to take political action to protect unborn life. The work isn't over. It's time to start contacting your state representatives and tell them how you feel about abortion and the need to protect life from the beginning.

From the Nebraska Catholic Conference on how to live in the "culture of life:"

- Prayer - engage in personal prayer for pre-born babies still facing the threat of abortion, abortion-vulnerable mothers and fathers
- Promote communal prayer among your parish, community, friends, bible studies, etc
- Educate others on how damaging abortion is. Learn how to have these conversations. Here are a few resources:
- Humanfromdayone.com
- Equalrightsinstitute.org
- Abortiondialogueacademy.org
- "Persuasive Pro-Life: How to Talk about our Culture's Toughest Issue" by Trent Horn
- Contact your elected officials and ask for regulations that make Nebraska abortion-free

Supreme Court rules in favor of praying football coach:

- The supreme court ruled Monday that a school board in Washington state discriminated against a former football coach when it disciplined him for postgame prayers at midfield. This latest decision is a win for protection of religious faith!

From Our Province Director

Dear Ladies of the Lincoln Diocese,

Blessings and Peace to you. The Spring Convention was filled with wonderful reports of prayer, education, service, and leadership. The activities and programs that you present demonstrate that your Council of Catholic Women's organization is energized and vibrant. Education is definitely in focus with the writing, printing and distribution of the Parent Education books. The donations that you give to charities, convents, and seminaries are admirable. Congratulations on your diaper drive service project being chosen as one of the two service projects sent to Pope Francis as part of the Spiritual Bouquet from NCCW. Truly, you are participating in NCCW initiative of "Walking with Mom's in Need".

Jesus speaks to us in the everyday occurrences in our lives. As we encounter moments that seem to be a "coincidence", we grow more in understanding His presence, more "seeing" takes place. Those "seeing" moments" are also called "God moments".

The experience of being with you will always be close to my heart. May Jesus continue to bless you and all your works in Spirituality, Service, and Leadership.

God bless you,

Theresa Pavlik

Director, Province of Omaha

Note: Couple upcoming dates to remember:

July 1st Registration for NCCW Convention opens

July 18th Province Day 50th Anniversary (Pre-registration required)

Province of Omaha
50th Anniversary Celebration

Province Meeting Monday July 18, 2022

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

516 W. State Street

Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

Pre-Registration ONLY, due July 10th.

Registration: \$20.00 includes: morning coffee/rolls, hot lunch, snack, speaker, and Mass.

_____ Will attend In-person

_____ Will attend virtually (E-mail address required to receive the link to the meeting). _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Arch/diocese: _____

Please include this form and registration fee, and send to:
OACC/ 302 North Street /Elgin, NE 68636

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Is your Faith like Fireworks?

Will your Faith sky rocket or will it be a dud?
 Let the Patriotic Rosary be a big part of your Fireworks!
 The Rosary for America is a powerful prayer that was inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje for divine protection and mercy for America. It is especially needed in these challenging times in America. <https://youtu.be/F7bMdhBez78>
 If this link doesn't work: Google Patriotic Rosary and click on <https://m.youtube.com>. It is uploaded by The Catholic Crusade.

Submitted by Bonnie Damrow, Vice-Chair, Spirituality Commission



LDCCW'S LIBRARY OF LOVE

Miriam-Webster defines Effect as “a change that results when something is done or happens”. At our board meeting, the challenge was to write about how God had an effect in my life.

I'm a cradle Catholic that grew up going to church every Sunday. I wouldn't say we were super religious, but I did have the “fear of mom” in me. Even after I left home, I continued going to mass because I just knew my mother would find out if ever I missed. I went to college at Briar Cliff, a Franciscan College in Sioux City. It was a wonderful experience to live on a dorm floor with so many other Catholic women. One of the things we would do was go to a daily mass together. It wasn't until years later that I realized how special that time was. For our graduation, the backdrop to the stage was the same quilt that was used as the backdrop for Pope John Paul II's mass when he visited to Iowa. I felt like JP II was there with us.

The other thing that I remember clearly is the last song we sang, “Here I am, Lord”. It was God's way of saying “It is time for you to go out into the real world” I will go Lord if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. To this day, I still tear up when I hear it. Those two lines spoke to me. What does God want me to do? Are we doing what the Lord wants us to do?

Fast forward to my involvement with local PCCW. After a couple years as president, we learned that someone from Ashland needed to be an officer at the Deanery level. Here I am Lord. I have become friends with some wonderful ladies that I have met thru our Parish, the Deanery and LDCCW. It brings back memories of the closeness I had with the girls on 3 rd West Alverno Hall. It is a good feeling. At my first retreat 4 years ago, I was writing in my journal about that time at Briar Cliff and about that last song at graduation. The five-minute bell rang, and I went to mass. The opening song was, “Here I am, Lord”.

Personal Story - Submitted by Julie Rosenbaum

Please let us know how you are receiving the Effect and NewsNotes. Are you receiving them through your phone, email or website? Contact Judy Weston at ldccwleadership@gmail.com



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